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[Internal Revenue Service,

Columbus, OH]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
ELEVENTH DISTRICT OF OHIO

COLUMBUS, OHIO

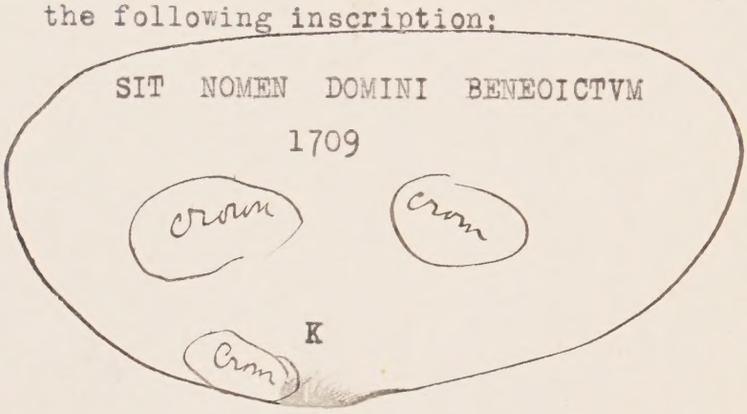
IN REPLYING REFER TO

March 28, 1931

Directors,
Metropolitan Art Museum,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

There has come into my possession an old coin bearing the following inscription:



(we have translated this to mean "Blessed be the name of the Lord")

All printing is around the edge of the coin, except the "K", which is in the center.

On the other side is the following: LVDXIIII DC

FR ET NAV REX (The REX of course is "King")

We do not know the meaning of FR ET NAV, and in the upper group the letter "K" is shown in the middle of the coin, surrounded by pictures of three crowns. On one side of the coin or medal is the piture of a King.

The coin is larger than our silver dollar with a greater percentage of silver (according to a test made by a local bank) than our dollar, and it is thicker than our silver dollar. The printing is quite large.

Any interpretation would be greatly appreciated. It may be that the coin or medal could find a place in a museum. Do you consider it worthy of such a place.

Thanking you very much for any explanation you care to make, I am

Your very truly,

Rose M. Engle

(Miss) Rose M.Engle
c/o Internal Revenue Office
Columbus, Ohio

March 31, 1931.

Miss Rose M. Engle,
c/o Internal Revenue Office,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Madam:

Your coin is the regulation Ecu of Louis XIV of France and at the very most is worth about $1.50. The words FR ET NAV REX are simply the abbreviations for France and Navarre.

Yours very truly,

Curator.